



City of New Richmond E-Newsletter

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Fall Leaf Pickup

The Public Works Department offers curbside pickup of bagged leaves. All leaves must be placed in biodegradable bags along the curb. Branches, brush, or pumpkins can be dropped off daily at the compost site from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Curbside leaf pickup is tentatively anticipated to begin the week of October 12.

Elections

For the health and safety of our staff and community, absentee voting by mail is highly encouraged! You may submit a written request in the form of a letter, or you may apply for an absentee ballot online at MyVote.wi.gov. Your written request must list your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent (if different), your signature, and a copy of an acceptable form of photo identification. City staff members are also hosting multiple opportunities in October for curbside in-person voter registration and absentee ballot requests; please check the City website for dates and times. Early in-person voting will begin on October 20. The General Election is November 3; polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Please call the City Clerk's Office at 715-243-0403 with any questions.



Calendar

All meeting dates are subject to change. Please view the City of New Richmond website at www.newrichmondwi.gov for all meeting notices, agendas, and minutes from previous meetings. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, meetings continue to be held virtually as much as possible, but the conference line phone numbers and meeting hyperlinks are still available for members of the public who would like to participate remotely.

DATE	MEETING / EVENT
October 6	Library Board
October 6	Plan Commission
October 12	City Council Regular Meeting
October 20	In-Person Early Voting Starts
October 21	Forward New Richmond
October 26	City Council Work Session
October 28	Park Board
November 3	General Election



Contact Us!

If you have questions, comments, concerns, or feedback – positive or negative – we would like to hear from you. City staff also welcome opportunities to meet and speak with local organizations and businesses in a variety of formats.

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Marshall/Jefferson Reconstruction

Curb and gutter work has been completed and the first lift of asphalt was installed the week of September 28-October 2. The contractor continues to work on driveway aprons and site restoration. The trail through Victoria Park and Monette Park will be paved in the next couple of weeks.



Wastewater Treatment Plant Renovations

Significant construction is underway at the wastewater treatment plant. The facility was originally constructed in 1981, and upgrades were made in 1999 and 2010. Planning for the current renovations began in 2016 due to the rapid growth of the community and stricter phosphorus limits. The total project cost is about \$3 million, with funds for the project financed through the Wisconsin DNR Clean Water Fund Program.

Nature Center Recreational Trail

The trail on the west side of the Willow River has been graded and shaped. Culverts and fill soil will be added in the coming week. The trail will loop underneath both sides of the existing bridge on Business 64. Half of the project cost is funded through a Knowles Nelson Stewardship Grant. This project is scheduled to be completed in early November, with the exception of lighting, which will be installed in the spring of 2021.



Construction Activity

Despite the COVID-19 Pandemic, construction activity has remained strong in 2020 with \$37.9 million in construction activity so far to date, including 118 new dwelling units. Some of the larger projects so far in 2020 include the 45th Parallel Event Center, New Richmond Professional Building, WITC-New Richmond Campus Addition, Kwik Trip, Naser Heights Twin-Home Residential Development, and the extension of Prairie Road in the Whispering Prairie Development.

Public Power Week

The first week in October is recognized as Public Power Week. The City of New Richmond is fortunate to have a community-owned, not-for-profit electricity utility that provides reliable, efficient, and safe electricity to homes and businesses. If you see a member of our electric department crew or front office staff, please thank them for their contributions to our community!

